

CLAIMS

1. Surgical, tubular-shafted instrument comprising a shaft, an operating rod mounted for displacement in the shaft, a handle part for actuating the operating rod and connecting means connecting the handle part and the shaft detachably to one another, wherein the shaft is securable in an axial direction in an inner sleeve of the handle part by means of a locking member displaceable radially in the inner sleeve and dipping into a recess of the shaft, the radial outward movement of said locking member being limited by a stop element displaceable into a position releasing the radial outward movement of the locking member, and wherein holding means are provided for fixing the stop element in a release position, said holding means being acted upon by the shaft in such a manner that this fixing is releasable due to displacement of the shaft in the inner sleeve, wherein the holding means comprise a holding element guided for displacement in the handle part outside the inner sleeve.
2. Instrument as defined in claim 1, wherein the holding element is guided for displacement about the inner sleeve.
3. Instrument as defined in claim 1, wherein the holding element has a coupling element for the shaft pointing into the interior of the inner sleeve.

4. Instrument as defined in claim 3, wherein the inner sleeve has a recess for the coupling element.
5. Instrument as defined in claim 3, wherein the shaft has a guiding recess for the coupling element.
6. Instrument as defined in claim 3, wherein the holding element exerts an advancing force on the shaft in a distal direction when the release position of the locking member is reached, said locking member being displaceable radially in the inner sleeve.
7. Instrument as defined in claim 3, wherein the shaft is adapted to be secured by the coupling element so as to be non-rotatable with respect to the inner sleeve.
8. Instrument as defined in claim 1, wherein the holding element is guided for displacement surrounding the stop element.
9. Instrument as defined in claim 1, wherein a spring for the relative displacement between holding element and stop element is seated between holding element and stop element and is tensioned in the connection position of the shaft.
10. Instrument as defined in claim 9, wherein the spring force acts contrary to the direction, in which the stop element is displaceable for the release of the radial outward movement of the locking member.
11. Instrument as defined in claim 9, wherein the spring seated between holding element and stop element is designed and tensioned such that it exerts a smaller spring force in the connection position than a return spring seated between stop element and inner sleeve and serving to

displace the stop element out of a release position into the connection position when the fixing of the holding element is released.

12. Instrument as defined in claim 1, wherein the holding means comprise a locking member displaceable radially in the stop element and dipping into a recess of the inner sleeve in the release position of the stop element.
13. Instrument as defined in claim 12, wherein the radial outward movement of the locking member is limited in the release position of the stop element by the holding element as stop.
14. Instrument as defined in claim 12, wherein the holding element has a guiding recess for the locking member, said locking member being guided in said recess for longitudinal displacement during the displacement of the holding element from its position in the connection position into a position in the release position of the stop element.
15. Instrument as defined in claim 1, wherein the stop element is designed as a sleeve surrounding the inner sleeve.
16. Instrument as defined in claim 1, wherein the holding element is designed as a sleeve surrounding the stop element.
17. Instrument as defined in claim 1, wherein a guide means for the holding element is formed in the handle part in an annular space limited by the stop element.
18. Surgical, tubular-shafted instrument comprising a shaft, an operating rod mounted for displacement in the shaft, a handle part for actuating the operating rod and connecting means connecting the handle part and the shaft detachably to one another, wherein the shaft is securable in an

axial direction in an inner sleeve of the handle part by means of a locking member displaceable radially in the inner sleeve and dipping into a recess of the shaft, the radial outward movement of said locking member being limited by a stop element displaceable into a position releasing the radial outward movement of the locking member, and wherein holding means are provided for fixing the stop element in a release position, said holding means being acted upon by the shaft in such a manner that this fixing is releasable due to displacement of the shaft in the inner sleeve, wherein the holding means have a holding element with a coupling element for securing the shaft non-rotatably with respect to the inner sleeve due to engagement in a corresponding counterelement of the shaft.

19. Instrument as defined in claim 18, wherein the counterelement is formed by a recess in the shaft.
20. Instrument as defined in claim 18, wherein the holding element is guided for displacement outside the inner sleeve.
21. Instrument as defined in claim 20, wherein the holding element is guided for displacement about the inner sleeve.
22. Instrument as defined in claim 18, wherein the holding element has a coupling element for the shaft pointing into the interior of the inner sleeve.
23. Instrument as defined in claim 22, wherein the inner sleeve has a recess for the coupling element.
24. Instrument as defined in claim 18, wherein the holding element exerts an advancing force on the shaft in a distal direction when the release position of the locking member is reached, said locking member being

displaceable radially in the inner sleeve.

25. Instrument as defined in claim 18, wherein the holding element is guided for displacement surrounding the stop element.
26. Instrument as defined in claim 18, wherein a spring for the relative displacement between holding element and stop element is seated between holding element and stop element and is tensioned in the connection position of the shaft.
27. Instrument as defined in claim 26, wherein the spring force acts contrary to the direction, in which the stop element is displaceable for the release of the radial outward movement of the locking member.
28. Instrument as defined in claim 26, wherein the spring constant of the spring seated between holding element and stop element is designed and tensioned such that it exerts a smaller spring force in the connection position than a return spring seated between stop element and inner sleeve and serving to displace the stop element out of a release position into the connection position when the fixing of the holding element is released.
29. Instrument as defined in claim 18, wherein the holding means comprise a locking member displaceable radially in the stop element and dipping into a recess of the inner sleeve in the release position of the stop element.
30. Instrument as defined in claim 29, wherein the radial outward movement of the locking member is limited in the release position of the stop element by the holding element as stop.

31. Instrument as defined in claim 29, wherein the holding element has a guiding recess for the locking member, said locking member being guided in said recess for longitudinal displacement during the displacement of the holding element from its position in the connection position into a position in the release position of the stop element.
32. Instrument as defined in claim 18, wherein the stop element is designed as a sleeve surrounding the inner sleeve.
33. Instrument as defined in claim 18, wherein the holding element is designed as a sleeve surrounding the stop element.
34. Instrument as defined in claim 18, wherein a guide means for the holding element is formed in the handle part in an annular space limited by the stop element.